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FOR EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO PRAGUE

1. WE ARE TAKING THE LIBERTY OF DISCUSSING DATES FOR YOUR VISIT BY CABLE BECAUSE OF THE SHORTNESS OF TIME. AS FAR AS THE EMBASSY IS CONCERNED, IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT ANY DATE YOU CAN COME WOULD BE EXCELLENT FOR US.

2. BOTH WE AND THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WOULD WELCOME AN EARLIER RATHER THAN A LATER VISIT, SO THAT OCT 9-10 WOULD BE FIRST-RATE. THE ONLY POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGE THAT COMES TO MIND IS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK, WHOM YOU WOULD SURELY WANT TO SEE, MAY STILL BE AT THE UNGA. (ZANOTVSKY TOLD US, PARAGRAPH 4 OF PRAGUE 2256, THAT PRESENT UNOFFICIAL PLANS WERE FOR CHNOUPEK TO STAY IN NYC THROUGH OCT 10.) THIS COULD BE CHECKED WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAKS, AND IT IS POSSIBLE CHNOUPEK COULD BE BACK ON THE 10TH TO SEE YOU, OR PERHAPS YOU COULD CONSIDER STAYING OVER TO SATURDAY THE 11TH IF YOU COULD MEET WITH HIM THEN. THIS IS A SMALL WORRISOME POINT, BECUASE IT WOULD CLEARLY MAKE FOR A MORE USEFUL VISIT IF YOU MET WITH CHNOUPEK; BUT PERHAPS WHEN WE CONSULT WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WE CAN FIND A WAY AROUND

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3. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DELEGATION HEADED BY
PRESIDENT CERNY LEAVES FOR NYC TO SIGN THE INTER-
CHAMBER AGREEMENT ON OCT 14. CHARGE HAD BEEN TEN-
TATIVELY PLANNING RECEPTION FOR DELEGATION ON OCT 9.
IF YOU WERE TO BE HERE OCT 9-10, WE WONDER IF IT
WOULD NOT BE A GOOD IDEA, IF YOU ARE AGREEABLE, TO
PLANNING A RECEPTION IN YOUR HONOR THAT EVENING
TO WHICH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DELEGATION AS WELL AS
OTHER APPROPRIATE CZECHOSLOVAKS COULD BE INVITED.
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS, AS WELL AS ON
WHAT OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS MIGHT APPEAL TO YOU
(OR DISAPPEAL), AS SOON AS YOU CAN GIVE US ANY MORE
PRECISE INFORMATION ON DATES.
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